

REMARKS

The following claims are pending in the application: 11, 20 and 39 – 91

The following claims have been amended: Not applicable

The following claims have been deleted: Not applicable

The following claims have been added: Not applicable

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, the following claims remain pending in the application: 11, 20 and 39 – 91.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121 to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Although page 2 of the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005 states that claim 1 is generic – Applicant believes this to be a typographical error and that claim 11 was intended. Applicant respectfully requests confirmation from the Examiner that this is true.

The Examiner requires election from one of the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention as follows:

1. The device produced by the method described on pages 2 – 4.
2. The device produced by the method described on pages 4 – 5.
3. The device produced by the method described on pages 5 – 8.
4. The device of the embodiment of figure 1a.
5. The device of the embodiment of figure 1b – 1c.
6. The device of the embodiment of figure 1d.

7. The device of the embodiment of figure 1e.
8. The device of the embodiment of figure 1f.
9. The device of the embodiment of figure 1g.
10. The device of the embodiment of figure 1h.
11. The device of the embodiment of figure 4.

Applicant hereby elects species 4 (the device of the embodiment of figure 1a) for prosecution on the merits and submits that claims 11, 20, 39 – 49, and 51 – 63 are readable thereon. Applicant has changed the status indicators of claims 50 and 64 – 91 to “withdrawn”.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and accompanying remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is properly in condition for allowance and may be passed to issuance upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the subject application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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